OPENS AT THE RITZ

of the receipts.

Naturally the occasion provided Whitney Warren, James M. Beck and Dr. Frank Landon Humphreys with further deportunity to extol the courage and devotion and gallantry of France, to hope as intensely as men can hope that France will emerge triumphant and to any with perfect frankness that it was pity this country wasn't doing more the French people than merely

The evening, began with the inspection of Albert Besnard's huge mural painting symbolizing Peace. The canvas, which is the property of the French Government, covered almost the entire wall of one end of the Ritz ballroom. As many sons are aware, the Besnard decora-n represents "Peace by Arbitration." A female figure is shown seated. She listens to the pleadings of two litigants. One of these argues vehemently. The woman lifts a hand to stop him in order woman lifts a hand to stop him in order that she may hear the arguments of the other. Two armed warriers whose dif-ferences have been composed by Peace here seen riding away in different directions. In the foreground and seemingly apart from the rest of the composition the symbolical figure of Peace rises like an apparition, carying in her arms a

Of the small canvases, all the work of Paris by American painters and sculp-tors, there were just 101, many remark-ably charming. Those which attracted the most favorable comment from dation of a similar gift to the artists of

nothing to do with silence or with a heu-trality that encourages barbarism or ter-rorism, but rather with a neutrality that upholds civilization. The idea of not rotesting before crime is to them in-upportable. I know that they are the iterpreters of the real public sentiment because the soul of the artist is near the soul of the people. Both are spon-taneous and ingenuous. Both have an intuition for that which is good. Both receive their impulses from instinct, which is superior to all reasoning and mover is mistaken.

"In a moment when our representatives are entangled in a scholarly dis-cussion and befogging the will of the people and never thinking of represent-ing us, the artists have taken their place and have become the sincere delegates of public opinion. Later their children will remember that they have

children will remember that they have not allowed us to be looked upon as responsible for an ambiguous policy. Their action and their devotion manifest the inward feeling of this nation.

"In this war, where the moral destinies of humanity are at stake, nobody in the world has the right to remain indifferent, we Americans less than any one else, for we have inherited a magnificent tradition of virtue. Our moral and spiritual existence is ruined if we remain passive, for the future will prove that in such a war the only real dead are the neutrals, if by neutrals is meant those who have in no way upheld the these who have in no way upheld the

James M. Beck expressed his hearty sympathy for France, retoted in the justice of France's cause and firmly held to the belief that France will win. It was not at all difficult to perceive that the passive actitude of the United States Government was not pleasing to Ms

There could not possibly be a more deserving charity than this," said Mr. Beck. "If it were nothing more than an appeal from France to the great and opulent country France helped to create the appeal would be its own vindication. Few people appreciate the extent of this obligation incurred in those days that 'tried men's souls.' The American Revo-"tried men's souls." The American Revolution was 3"1 act o, sublime audacity, for the reason that there was not in our country any manufactory to furnish the equipment of war. Long before Dr. Franklin reached Paris and before Burgoyne had surrendered to Gates at Saratoga France, at the risk of antagonizing the greatest empire in the world, was secretly equipping Washington's armies with the indispensable munitions of wer, without which the Revolution would inovitably have ended in a faceo.

"But our debt to France can be put on other grounds. She has annehed the human mind and soul by her inestimable contributions to art, literature and music.

contributions to art, literature and music The whole world and especially Amer-ica, is in this sense her debtor. If we owe much to Lafayette, Rochambeau and De Grasse we also owe much to Corot, Greuze, Gerome, Detaille, Cazin, Constant, Daubigny, Rousseau and

"The artists of France are now fighting in the trenches for the existence of their noble country and for the sacred rights of humanity, and as they are too little inspired in their lives by merely pecuniary considerations they are leaving behind them dependent families, many of whom are in want. To help these is an imperative duty."

Dr. Humphreys said that he had come to the exhibition as the representative of the Society of the Cincinnati, the oldest of American military orders.
"I would be untrue to the order," he continued, "if I did not express my approval and fondness for the great Franch nation, the people of whom are really striving to carry, out the same ideas of justice and deceacy that our own fathers "The artists of France are now fight-

striving to carry, out the same ideas of justice and deceacy that our own fathers fought and died for.

"We are real Americans here—not hyphenated, nor weak kneed, nor spineless. We are not afraid to say what we think, what is in the minds of nineless of our neople at least. The Americanths of our neople at least. The Americanths of our neople at least. whis of our people at least. The Ameri-n people feel a very real sympathy for ance and this is being expressed in rds and deeds."

FRENCH ART EXHIBIT FORD BLAMES PEOPLE FOR WAR, NOT KINGS

Evening Begins With Inspection of Besnard's Painting
Symbolizing Peace,

101 SMALLER CANVASES

102 The formal inauguration of the French art exhibition for the relief of the families of French soldiers brought together in the grand baliroom of the Bits-Carlton last night more than 200 persons, most of them socially prominent, who are devoted heart and soul to France and her cause.

Had it not been for the fact that many persons who had purchased tickets for the exhibition and concert were out of town for the exhibition and concert were out of town for the exhibition and concert were out of the sixty.

Mr. Ford denied flatty that there was a singling among the peace delegates. There was a difference of opinion many persons who had purchased tickets for the exhibition and concert were out of the exhibition of the exhibition and the exhibition of the exhibition of the exhibition of the exhibition of the peace party left the ship in perfect

the peace party left the ship in perfect harmony."

The pacifist leader denied further that Louis Lochner, his press agent, had been deposed as leader of the party after Mr. Ford's departure and that Gaston Plantiff, general manager of the Ford Motor Company, had succeeded him.

"It was always understood that Mr. Plantiff was to take the leadership." he said. "Hs was my business agent. Mr. Lochner was my secretary and was never expected to manage the finances of the party."

of the party."

He was certain that his absence would have no ill effect on the morale or the determination of his followers. "It will have no more effect than my

the most favorable comment from a discogning company were Leon Bonnat's TPour les Soldats." the simply executed figure of a woman knitting: Raphael Collins "Etude," the figure of a young girl: Paul Gervais's "Allegory," Paul Chabas's "Head of a Child." E. Dinet's "In the Desert." Victor Gilbert's "L'Avenue de Bois de Boulogne," Lucien Jonas's Victory" and F. Montenards "The Shrine," to name only a few.

It was considerably past 9 o'clock when Mr. Warren opened the formal part of the occasion with a brief address all glowing with his love for France. Some of the more striking things that were said by Mr. Warren were:

"We all know that this country in spite of official indifference has since the beginning of the war fixed its sympathy. Our artists have aided in revealing it. They have accomplished their divine mission, which is to transferred darkness into light. They wish to have nothing to do with silence or with a neutrality that encourages barbairsm or tergorism, but rather with a neutrality that encourages barbairsm or tergorism, but rather with a neutrality that encourages barbairsm or tergorism, but rather with a neutrality that encourages barbairsm or tergorism, but rather with a neutrality that encourages barbairsm or tergorism, but rather with a neutrality that encourages barbairsm or tergorism, but rather with a neutrality that tions when they return here. There is a great advantage in the fact that a side of the liner to the dock another man in Mr. Ford's position should devote himself so whole heartedly and so dis-and Mr. Ford climbed down to her and interestedly to a movement of such im-portance."

"Does that mean that you think strong man has a chance to wit "I never said that," he chuckled. weakest man is the easiest to beat."
"I just made a flying trip to meet Mr.
Ford, at his request," he went on. "He thought I was sailing this week. I came up from Miami, Fla., to talk at Washington to-morrow, and I am going back on the midnight train ness. It's that subpoena that was serve

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"Do you think it has shortened the inspector on board. Then the Guide war?" Mr. Bryan was asked.

was sent with him and passed by the inspector on board. Then the Guide war?" Mr. Bryan was asked.

"How can any one say?" he answered.
"We hope it has, but all we know is on the Manhattan shore, where a Ford that every day brings the end so much taxi was awaiting for the trip to the

HENRY FORD RETURNS TO NEW YORK. EADER of the peace pilgrimage, photographed at the Norwegian-American Line pier yesterday. He was met by his friend and

personal representative, Mr. Livingston of Detroit (to left).



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NEW SPY INQUIRY **BEGINS WEDNESDAY**

Activities of Franz Rintelen in Mexican Affairs to Be Investigated.

MUCH EVIDENCE IN HAND

begins its work Wednesday or Thursday of this week, is expected to take up the investigation of pro-Teutonic activity in the United States where it was abandoned by the recent Grand Jury.

The investigation of the Federal agents in this city and Detroit, it was beginning the present controlled in the committee of the disposal of the Commission for Relief in Beiglum.

With this announcement comes the news that a Greater New York Committee of the Relief Commission was formed Saturday. Every State in the Union has had its committee, with subsequent agents in this city and Detroit, it was learned yesterday, has resulted in evidence of the disposal of the Commission for Relief in Beiglum.

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With this announcement comes the news that a Greater New York Commission for Relief in Beiglum. persons connected with Labor's Naional Peace Council for alleged violaion of the Sherman anti-trust law. It inticipated that new revelations will ollow and that persons hitherto not entioned in the inquiry into the Ger nan any system on this side of the At antic will be involved. United States Attorney H. Snowder

Marshall and William M. Offley, head of the local investigation bureau of the Degreat mass of evidence during the early part of this week. according to Mr. Officy, preparatory to presenting it to the new Grand Jury. The phase of the Nearly 400 men were thrown out of German propaganda work which will be coked into next, it is believed, will concern the activity of Franz Rintelen in Mexican affairs and his alleged efforts o make intervention by the United mates in Mexico a necessary step.

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learned yesterday, has resulted in evidence that tends to corroborate in detail the San Francisco spy plot.

PLOT SEEN IN \$200,000 FIRE. Five Story Pactory Destroyed

spread so rapidly through a modern fireproof factory building that the automatic sprinkler system was made useles destroyed the five story finishing plant made. At least two-thirds of this depenof the William F. Taubel Hosiery dent population have enough to Mills at Riverside about 2 o'clock this morning, causing a loss of \$200,000. We make from these sales are turned into provisions for the totally dependent." employment.

That the fire was of incendiary origin is the belief of city officials. Members of the firm refuse to comment on the cause of the flames except to say the money with which to support their company has had no labor troubles and families. Three ships leave New York cause of the flames except to say the company has had no labor troubles and is manufacturing no war supplies. The fire, they said, would cause no tieup of the main plant, which employs 2,000 other by hands, nor would it seriously affect the output, as the work would be crowded to other quarters until the finishing The fire was burning in the basemen when discovered by a watchman. Before he could sound an alarm it had spread to a packing shed adjoining and ten minutes later it burst through the third

and fourth floors with explosive fury despite the supposed fire resistant quali-ties of the building. Burns Detectives Arrested.

Irving M. Fuerlicht, 29, of 68 Avenue Mrs. and David Koruie, 25, of 229 South of her A, and David.

Broadway, Yonkers, who said they were old son in her analysis stairs, Treadway following her. In the street the man fell, weakened by loss of blood. At Polyclinic Hospital it was said he had little chance for recovery, man John Moonan at Broadway and Eighty-first street. Sentence was suspended in night court.

ROCKEFELLER GIVES \$200,000 TO BELGIANS

Sufferers in France Share New Year's Gift From Foundation.

A New Year's gift of \$200,000 has been made by the Rockefeller Foundation to the destitute of Belgium and northern France. The money has been placed at the disposal of the Commission

committees in nearly every important city, but although New York State has had a relief commission there was no agency here to direct the acquisition of contributions except the parent organization. Samuel W. Fairchild has accepted the post of chairman.

Three militon persons are in urgent need of food and clothing." said Mr. Fairchild yesterday. "These unfortunates are wholly dependent upon the United States, and as, our country is basking in prosperity we should see that these people receive supplies. For the time being they will be fed through ar-rangements which have already been Mr. Fairchild makes a special request for new cloth, because this enables the into garments. This arrangement saves the pride of the women, and gives them for Belgium in a few days. One has been

VOWING LOVE, CUTS HIS THROAT

was putting in norms at 422 West Forty-night in her rooms at 422 West Forty-sixth street, William Treadway, 28 years old, an ironworker, who has been board-old, an ironworker, who has been board-ing the house for about nine months. ing in the house for about nine months, suddenly drew a razor and slashed his throat, exclaiming, "God! I'm in love

Mrs. Garriety screamed and ran of

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